there was no demand for the commodity from the consumers. FPS No. 3101 did not remit the Demand Draft for the commodities mentioned on account of the demise of the father of the FPS holder.

Regular monitoring of supply and availability of PDS items through fair price shops is done by the UT Administration at various levels in consultation with the agencies involved. The Delhi State Civil Supplies Corporation is entrusted with the task of transporing the PDS items from the godowns of Food Corporation of India (FCI) at the door-steps of the fair price shops. Appropriate remedial/corrective action is taken by the UT Administration whenever there is some problem of transportation or labour, to ensure supply of PDS items to the fair price shops.

Allocation for Production of Uranium

*229. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:
SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an amount of Rs. 250 crores has been allocated for production of uranium during the 8th Five Year Plan, as against the estimated requirement of abut Rs. 500 crores; and

(b) if so, what would be its impact on the Nuclear Plan programmes and projects, contemplated under the 8th Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS AND DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. R. KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) The VIIIth Plan outlay of about Rs. 775 crores was proposed for Continuing and New Schemes of Uranium Corporation of India Limited (UCIL), which is a Public Sector Unit under the Department of Atomic Energy. The VIIIth Plan allocation has not yet been finalised.

(b) The production from the presently operating mines combined with what would be available from the projects under execution as well as those contemplated during the VIIIth Plan would ensure adequate uranium availability for the planned nuclear power programme of the next ten years. In addition, concerted efforts are continuing for exploration and identification of new sources of uranium for economic recovery.

[*230. *Transferred to the 3rd August, 1992.*]

Shortagt of Drugs in the Country

*231. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY:
SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is shortage of vital and life saving drugs all over the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government propose to evolve a policy to ensure the availability of these drugs to the needy at all times and at affordable price;

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether Government propose to import any life saving drugs; if so, the details thereof; and

(f) whether failure of Government in announcing the new Drug Policy is one of the reasons for shortage of drugs; if so, when Government propose to announce the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS

AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) and (b) The shortage which have come to notice are in some specific brands and in most such cases, equivalent medicines are available in other brands. These shortages are mostly of localised nature.

In some cases such as Vitamin 'C', there were problems in regard to pricing of bulk drug and formulations, which have since been tackled and situation is expected to normalise soon.

(c), (d) and (f) Ensuring abundant availability, at reasonable prices of essential life saving and prophylactic medicines of good quality is amongst the main objectives of the existing Drug Policy. In the current exercise of review of the Drug Policy also, these objectives have been kept up permost in mind.

(e) Whenever indigenous production is not adequate to meet the country's demand, the gap is met through imports. A number of bulk drugs and formulations are being imported on this basis.

Welfare Scheme for Child Labour

*232. **SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI:**
DR. ABRAR AHMED:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the various welfare schemes initiated by the Central Government in the areas inhabited by child labour during the last 3 years, year-wise; and

(b) the number of child labour benefitted by such schemes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) and (b) The information is as under:—

Name of the Scheme	Number of children benefited		
	1989-90	1990-91	1991-92
1. Scheme for grants-in-aid to voluntary organisations for action programmes for welfare of child labour. . .	2270	2540	2510
2. Rational Child Labour Projects	5800	6980	6900

सामाजिक वानिकी

*233. **श्री शिवप्रसाद चनपुरिया :** क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) जवाहर रोजगार योजना के उद्देश्यों के परिप्रेक्ष्य में कितनी ग्राम पंचायतों ने सामाजिक वानिकी से संबंधित कार्य किए हैं ;

(ख) इन ग्राम पंचायतों ने कितने क्षेत्र में वृक्षारोपण किया और कौन-कौन सी प्रजातियों के वृक्ष लगाए;

(ग) लगाए गए कुल वृक्षों में से कितने जीवित हैं ; और

(घ) क्या सरकार ने इस कार्य को प्राथमिकता देने के लिए राज्य सरकारों को विशिष्ट निर्देश जारी किए हैं ?

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्रालय (ग्रामीण विकास विभाग) में राज्य मंत्री (श्री जी० वेंकट स्वामी) : (क) से (घ) सारे देश में जवाहर रोजगार योजना (जे०आर०वाई०) की लगभग 58 प्रतिशत निधियां 2 लाख 19 हजार से अधिक ग्राम पंचायतों को दी गई हैं ।